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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom,



Hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying the winter; it is almost over!!

On the eve of February 3, 2015, at sundown, we will begin celebrating Tu B'Shevat, The New Year of the Trees. To honor this holiday we eat fruit, particularly the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise for the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. It is customary to increase the amount of fruit one eats in order to praise G-d who created these species of fruit.

While I am away, please do not hesitate to call Vice President Larry Sperling, or for religious questions, Vice President Allan Firestone.

It has been said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Shalom,
Morton A. Davis
President

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February Dates 2015

- Tues 3 – JRLW Bd. CH II 7:00 pm
- Wed 4 – Tu B'Shevat
- Wed 4 – Hadassah Bd Mtg CH I 10:00 am
- Fri 6 – JRLW Reform Shabat Svc Interfaith
Chapel 7:30 pm
- Sat 7 – Study w/ Rabbi Samber CH II
9:15 am
- Wed 11 – JWV Mtg CH I 10:00 am
- Sat 14 – JRLW Shabbat Svc CH II 9:15 am
- Sun 15 – JRLW Brunch CH I 10:00 am
- Mon 16 – Hadassah Study Group CH I
1:30 pm
- Tue 17 – NA'AMAT Bd Mtg CH I 10:30 am
- Tue 17 – JRLW/CoA Movie CH II 1:30 pm
- Tue 17 – Hadassah Scholar Series
- Wed 18 – Hadassah Mtg CH I 12:30 pm
- Wed 18 – JRLW/CoA Memory Workshop CH I
2:00 pm
- Sat 21 – Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II
9:15 am
- Mon 23 – Hadassah Study Group CH I
1:30 pm
- Thu 26 – JRLW/CoA Operatic Program CH I
1:30 pm
- Sat 28 – Study w /Rabbi Samber CH II
9:15 am

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH
NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 10. ANY
ARTICLE SENT IN AFTER THAT DATE WILL
APPEAR IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER.**

JRLW BRUNCHES

Evelyn Dickman

The JRLW Brunch to be held February 21, at 10 am in Clubhouse I, will be a Valentine show performed by the Fun and Fancy Outreach Group. We look forward to an entertaining morning presented by some of your favorite Leisure World performers. There will be familiar love songs and dancers in recognition of the romantic holiday.

Please mail your checks for \$10.00 per person, payable to JRLW, to Shirley and Jerry Gordon, 15311 Beaverbrook Court, #3A, Silver Spring MD 20906.



GOOD DEEDS DAY



The Jewish Residents of Leisure World will hold its Good Deeds Day on Sunday, March 15.

Please bring unopened canned or boxed food products to Clubhouse I between 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. The food we gather will be donated to MANNA for those less fortunate who need the food.

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Bernice Cohen – Editor
 Shirley Griffin - Asst. Editor
 Shirley Rosenhaft – Asst. Editor
 Fred Shapiro – Business

JRLW/CoA FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, February 17 – 1:30 –3:30 pm, Clubhouse II Auditorium. Cost: \$6.00. Tickets for this movie may be obtained at the E&R Office.

Movie Matinee: “A Taste of Spice.” A young Greek boy, whose grandfather, a culinary philosopher and mentor, teaches him that both food and life require a little salt to give them flavor; they both require “A Touch of Spice.” A discussion to follow.

Thursday, February 26 – 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. Clubhouse I. Cost: \$6.00.

Please note: you may not register at E&R for this program, but you must register through CoA.

Cinderella: A Chamber Opera. This light-hearted version of Perrault’s fairy tale is told through the use of seven soloists, a chorus and a pianist.



JRLW SOCIALS

Keep the date! The next luncheon of the JRLW Socials (formerly known as the JRLW Singles) will be held Thursday, March 19, 2015. The lunch will take place at the Outback Restaurant.

More information will be in the March Newsletter.





JRLW Women's Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 9, 2015

The "JRLW Women's Shabbat Service" is providing an opportunity for individuals to honor all women, past and present. A special program will be distributed. The program will include the names of the donors along with the names of those whom we wish to honor.

JRLW needs your support to purchase a new Torah. This year it is requesting members to contribute \$5.00 for each honoree name listed below. Donations should be included with your application. **Please include this entire page with your payment.**

Our Deadline For Your Donation Is MARCH 1, 2015!

Please complete the application below. The names should be listed in the order you wish them to appear in this program. Additional names may be added on an additional page.

Please **PRINT** each name to be honored below.

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**THE TOTAL ENCLOSED CONTRIBUTION TO THE
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NOTE: This form with your check should be returned to:

Marcia J. Hahn
2901 S Leisure World Blvd., #136
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Attention: Women's Shabbat Service Program

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Marcia Hahn at 301-438-3225.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

A listing of interesting things happening in our community.



Each Thursday there is a day-long program, including lunch, held at Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim, a satellite program of the JCCGW: The highlight for Feb-

ruary is Thursday, February 12: Liz Kruger Sings

If you have any questions, call Linda Wechsler at 301-348-3893.

The **HAZAK** Group of **B'nai Shalom of Olney** is proud to be hosting an informal concert by members of the Cantor's Assembly on Tuesday, February 10, at 11 am. All are welcome to join us to hear great Jewish music in a convenient, comfortable setting with your friends. There is no charge for this event. Any questions, contact the synagogue office or Naomi Kline (nbk165@comcast.net).

Beth Torah Synagogue is arranging an Educational, Religious and Humanitarian Mission and Enrichment Program trip to Cuba, May 11– May 20, 2015. Highlights include:

- Educational presentation of the history of Jews in Cuba, a visit to the Jewish cemetery in Guanabacoa, and a visit to the first Holocaust Memorial in the Western Hemisphere.
- There will also be enrichment programs with the Santa Clara/Trinidad Jewish Congregation and with the Cienfuegos Community Jewish Congregation,
- Shabbat services and dinner with the community of Patronato and Saturday morning Shabbat Service at a Synagogue in the Vedado Neighborhood are included.

For a more detailed itinerary and further information, please contact Judy Milbach @ 410-480-4374.

IRON DOME

The Greater Washington Area Chapter of **Hadassah** and **Ohr Kodesh Congregation** are co- sponsoring a presentation: **"IRON DOME: From David's Sling to Technology with Chutzpah"** with guest speaker Gideon Weiss, Vice President for Business Development at Rafael USA, Inc. Mr. Weiss will give a presentation with video and commentary on the Iron Dome on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. His presentation is free and open to the public. There will be light refreshments. Questions? call Hadassah Office 301-881-8203.



FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday Evening Conservative Shabbat Services will be held on February 6 at 7:30 pm in the Interfaith Chapel. Rabbi Gary Fink will conduct Services. Ed Laskin will lead our Choir. An Oneg will follow Services.

Saturday Morning Conservative Shabbat Services will be held in Clubhouse II on February 14. Cantor Mike Kravitz will conduct the Service. The Haftorah will be chanted by Hymie Rosenberg. The D'var Torah will be given by Bernice Cohen. Join us at Kiddush following Services.

Rabbi Samber will be conducting a weekly abbreviated Shabbat Service and study in Clubhouse II. These sessions will be held on the Saturdays that we do not have a regular Shabbat Service. If enough people are interested in attending, these classes will continue.

JRLW SENIOR WORKSHOP

CLUBHOUSE I, FEBRUARY 18

Fred Shapiro



The February workshop will feature noted physician Dr. Majid Fotuhi, MD, Ph.D., founder and chief medical officer of NeurExpand Brain Center, who will address issues of memory loss and how

to combat this degeneration of one's ability to remember the present as well as the past. Title: "Is it Alzheimer's? How to Boost Your Memory at Any Age."

In his presentation, Dr. Fotuhi shares the new science and research behind improving cognitive performance and memory. Attendees will learn which parts of the brain are important for memory, what happens to the brain with aging and how to reverse age-related brain atrophy while literally growing your brain. Dr. Fotuhi will discuss simple changes in one's lifestyle that can make a lasting difference to your brain for years to come and how you can sharpen your memory for names today. Dr. Fotuhi is one of the world's foremost authorities on memory, cognitive performance, and aging, and is founder of the NeurExpand Brain Center, a neurology practice that focuses on improving memory and cognitive function. Dr. Fotuhi obtained his PhD from Johns Hopkins and his MD from Harvard Medical School.

This event will take place on Wednesday, February 18, in Clubhouse I at 2:00 pm. There will be no charge to attend this workshop.

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

Allan Firestone

Please mark your calendar. This year we will be celebrating the Second Seder on Monday, April 6 at 7:30 pm in the Crystal Ballroom of Club House I.

This date is not the regular date for the Second Seder but we have been preempted by another activity which will be using the Crystal Ballroom on the day of the Second Seder of Passover which falls on April 4.

The Religious Committee has considered all options available to us and has decided that the April 6 date is nearest date available to us for use of the Crystal Ballroom and will be most convenient for JRLW to hold the Second Seder.

We hope that the Second Seder will be as enjoyable as the past Sedarim. We look forward to a wonderful Seder which will be led by Fred Firnbacher . Milli White will be in charge of the meal. I want to thank them for their efforts and hard work.

We will supply further details of the Community Seder in the coming weeks.

Allan Firestone
301-598-7311



TORAH MAINTENANCE AND PRAYER BOOK FUND

Individuals can be honored and loved ones memorialized with a contribution to the JRLW Torah Maintenance Fund or Prayer Book Fund for a minimum donation of \$25.00. Send your check, made out to JRLW, to Annette Cooper at 15107 Interlachen Drive, Apt. 812, Silver Spring MD 20906.

PRAYER BOOK DONATIONS

Doris Zussman, Anita Kaplan, Janet Soslow and Dorothy Pollack in memory of Leonard Davidson.

TORAH FUND DONATIONS

Jerry and Shirley Gordon in honor of our 65th wedding anniversary (Jan 29th).

Carol & Phil Wendkos in honor of Susan and Jerry Weiss for driving us to places.

Sonya Korenblit in honor of Michael and Sheryl Kravitz on their anniversary and the excellent Hanukah presentation.

Poppy Traunfeld with thanks to Nate Sternberg.

Ruth Altman in memory of my beloved husband Herman and son Robert.

Lorraine Kramer in memory of husband Edward, brothers Al and Barry Kugler and parents Clara and Joseph Kugler.

Dorothy Dolinka in memory of Richard Pomerantz.

Judith Friedman in gratitude to Rabbi Samber and Herb Hodes for organizing the Shiva for my late husband Leonard Davidson. Morris Gross.

TZEDAKAH, ONEG & KIDDUSH DONATIONS

For information about Tzedakah donations or Oneg/Kiddush donations, please call Susan Weiss at 301-460-6030. Checks should be made out to JRLW and mailed to Susan Weiss, 3739 Glen Eagles Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

KIDDUSH AND ONEG DONATIONS

Kiddush donation by Renee Thaler in memory of her husband Morton Thaler.

TZEDAKAH DONATIONS

Yiskor donation by Barbara and Howard Rothenberg in memory of Sadie and Jack Solon and Sylvia and Meyer Rothenberg.

Barbara Rothenberg for the honor of doing a reading on Rosh Hashannah.

Ruth and Mary Gutstein wish Madeline Shapiro a speedy and complete recovery from her surgery.

Sam Fleisher in gratitude for his wife Fran Fleisher's recovery.

Madeline and Fred Shapiro in memory of Lou Rubenstein, husband of Paula Rubenstein.

Susan and Jerry Weiss to Lori Sturman in memory of her beloved husband Gil Sturman. Rose Closter to Nickey Sargent and Marsha and Ira Malamut in memory of Milton Nomkin.

Madeline and Fred Shapiro in memory of Pnina Zeheb, wife of Dr. David Zeheb.



JE SUIS JUIF

*Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt
January 10, 2015*

People in France and around the world people have lifted up their pens and held high placards that proclaim, “Je suis Charlie”, I am Charlie as an act of identification with the members of the staff of the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo who were gunned down by Islamist terrorists. They hold them high as a proud defiance of the terrorists and in support for the concept of freedom of the press.

The horrific act is a wakeup call that has aroused many to realize that Islamist fascist groups' intimidation is real and its reach is widespread. Hopefully the reaction to the violence will lead people to recognize that Islamist jihadist terrorists pose a serious threat to values democracies cherish and hold dear. The liberties we in the free world know and take for granted, such as freedom of expression, and even the freedom to laugh and make fun of each other are the very subject of the attack. If there is any doubt as to the intent of the jihadists, the targets of their assault make their objectives obvious. And yet there are those who attempt to explain or justify these acts as being motivated by anger against discrimination, or that young Moslems who have emigrated to France or who are the children of emigres feel alienated and disenfranchised, or that they are acting out of desperation because they suffer economic depravity. If that were the case, let them organize a protest march outside of the French social welfare office.

Nor does it have to do with the conflict in the Middle East. Just the other week France voted in the United Nations Security Council in favor of the creation of a Palestinian state. French pro-Palestinian policies do not inoculate them from the violent acts of Islamist terrorists. To excuse, rationalize and attempt to find a source based in economic or social conditions misses the point and prevents us from to correctly responding to and confronting the real source of the problem.

The world will be better equipped to confront and respond to the horror we just witnessed when we are honest and admit that we are dealing with an ideology that is fueled by fundamentalist extremists who are intolerant of any way of life other than their own. This is why there are attacks wherever people do not practice Islam as defined by these terrorists. This is why targets include churches in Africa, the kidnapping and forced conversion of Christians, and even mosques and other Moslems who do not practice the way they believe they should.

Israelis and Jews are not newcomers to this battle, nor are we surprised by the viciousness of the attacks. We cannot help but wonder if the situation could have been avoided if people would have expressed their outrage earlier, when the targets of their attacks were Jews.

Where was the outrage when terrorists entered a synagogue in Jerusalem and in cold-blooded murder gunned down Jews in prayer? Where was the international outrage when an angry mob went on a rampage in a synagogue in Paris a few months ago? Where was the outrage over the 2012 killing of a rabbi and three children at a school in Toulouse, France, or in May this past year when a gunman in Belgium opened fire at a Jewish Museum?

To be honest, the response to the murder of Jews at a French kosher supermarket feels a little different than the outrage over the attack at the newspaper in Paris. Would it even receive the notice it is getting were it not linked to the attack on the newspaper?

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The 20th century French Jewish writer Edmond Fleg returned to and re-embraced his Judaism in response to the anti-Semitism he experienced. In an essay he wrote in the 1920's he captured the ideals of our faith when he wrote:

I AM A JEW

I am a Jew because, born of Israel and having lost her, I have felt her live again in me, more living than myself.

I am a Jew because, born of Israel and having regained her, I wish her to live after me, more living than in myself.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands of me no abdication of the mind.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel requires of me all the devotion of my heart.

I am a Jew because in every place where suffering weeps, the Jew weeps.

I am a Jew because at every time when despair cries out, the Jew hopes.

I am a Jew because the word of Israel is the oldest and the newest.

I am a Jew because the promise of Israel is the universal promise.

I am a Jew because, for Israel, the world is not yet completed; men are completing it.

I am a Jew because, above the nations and Israel, Israel places Man and his Unity.

I am a Jew because above Man, image of the divine Unity, Israel places the divine Unity, and its divinity."





SAVE THE DATE

Advocacy Day at
Annapolis sponsored
by Jewish Community Relations
Committee of Greater Washington
will take place on Tuesday, March 10.
Free bus service will be provided by
the JCRCGW staff for Leisure World
residents. More details to follow.

NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

The Legend of the well: the story of Pioneer Women (Pioneer Women was the original name of NA'AMAT USA). A cry for help from a girl's agricultural school in Jerusalem called Pioneer Women into existence. Rahel Yanait Ben Avi, wife of the second President of Israel, had founded an agricultural settlement on one of the stony Hills of Jerusalem. In 1924 she needed \$500.00 to dig a well. Unable to procure the money, she turned to an American friend Sophie Udin. Udin in turn organized a group of seven women. The group was able to raise the money and sent it immediately to Jerusalem. The seven women, all from New York City, became the nucleus of Pioneer Women.

Looking ahead to March: Our open meeting on Wednesday, March 4, will have delicious goodies provided by our hospitality committee. Our program that day will be a slide show by Fred Shapiro, photographer extraordinaire. His presentation is titled "Jewish Sites Around The World:" United States, Israel, Russia, Ukraine, Australia, Italy, Holland and more. Fred will interject at points to explain, if necessary, and will answer questions at the end of the show. It will be a visual delight. So put the date on your calendar.

The NA'AMAT Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 10:30 am in Clubhouse I.

THINK ISRAEL, THINK NA'AMAT!!

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Barbara Eisen

On Wednesday, February 18, Debbie W. Sokobin, Director of Senior Programs at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, will talk about the various activities available to seniors at the JCC and how we can take advantage of them. Socializing begins at 12:30 pm and the meeting starts at 1:00pm in Clubhouse I. All Leisure World residents are welcome to attend.

The Mt. Scopus Judaic Study Group will meet on Monday, February 16, at 1:30 pm in Clubhouse I. New members are welcome. The group is doing a series of studies called "Parsha of the Week." For further information call Joan Lees (301-598-3768).

The Arlene P. Steinberg Memorial Scholar Series presents Gideon Weiss, Vice President for Business Development at Rafael USA, Inc., speaking on "Iron Dome: From David's Sling to Technology with Chutzpah," on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 pm at co-sponsor Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Janet Lazar (301-598-4066) will coordinate transportation. Please let Janet know if you need a ride or you can drive.

Elaine Stein is the new advisor of the Mt. Scopus group for 2015. Many of you may remember Elaine from the book review on "Jerusalem Girl" that she presented to our group in 2012. Elaine has held several posts at the chapter level and is thoroughly familiar with the workings of Hadassah. She will be a valuable contributor to our group. Our former advisor, Judy Garner, will have more responsibilities at the chapter level. We will miss her and thank her for all her efforts on our behalf. We send her our best wishes for her future endeavors.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Wishing Helen Fried a speedy recovery.
Get well wishes to Natalie Cohen.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Madeline Shapiro.

Happy to hear that Roda Krens is feeling better following a bout with pneumonia.

Sending feel better wishes to Shirley Wolock.



RECIPE CORNER

Shirley Rosenhaft

SALMON CAKES

1 large can red salmon
1 egg
1/3 cup bread crumbs
1 tsp horseradish
1 tbsp mayonnaise
Approx 1 tsp lemon juice
1 small chopped onion

Mix ingredients together with fork. Form into cakes. Broil 5 minutes on each side or saute in a small amount of oil for a few minutes on each side. May be served hot or cold.



TU B'SHEVAT

Jonas Weiss

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of the month of Shevat, is celebrated on Wednesday, February 4 this year. This is celebrated as the beginning of a "new year" for trees, the season when the earliest blooming trees in Israel begin their fruit-bearing cycle, and a tree-planting festival in Israel. The custom is to eat fruit on this day, especially grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates, which are listed in the Torah as the bounty of the land of Israel.



Photo by Fred Shapiro

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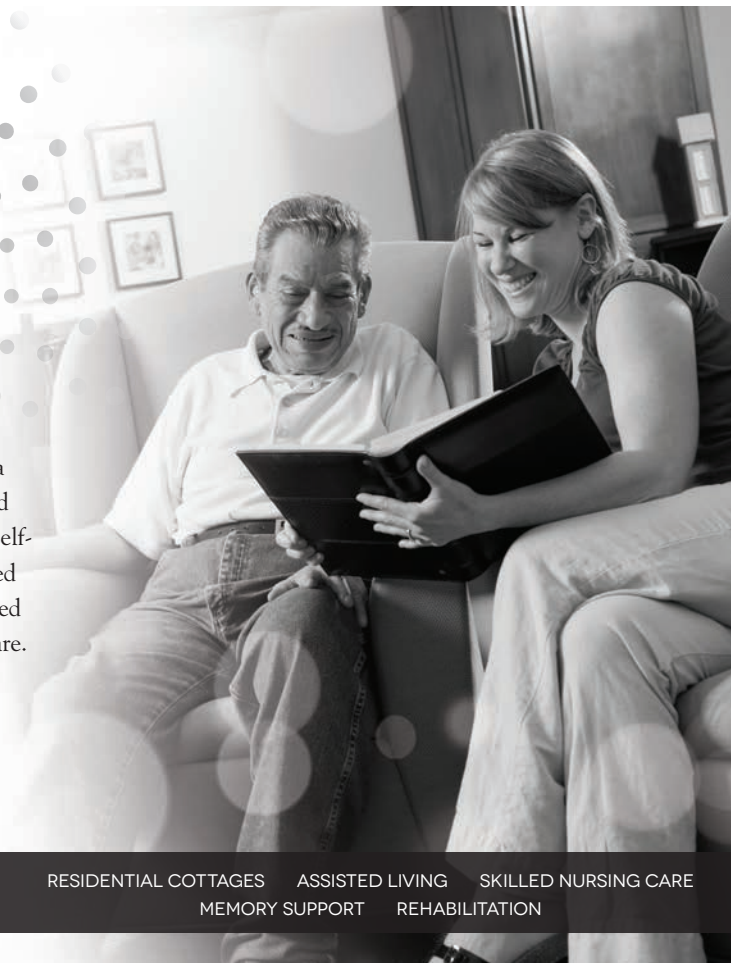


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8	9	10	11 JVV Mtg.	12	13	14 Shabbat Morning Svc.	
15 JRLW Brunch	16 Hadassah study Group	17 <u>NA'AMAT Bd.</u> JRLW/CoA <u>Movie.</u> Hadassah <u>Scholar Series</u>	18 JRLW/CoA Memory <u>Workshop</u> Hadassah Mtg	19	20	21 Study with Rabbi Samber	
22	23 Hadassah Study Group	24	25	26 JRLW/CoA Operatic Performance	27	28 Study with Rabbi Samber	
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